

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 6-12 of the specification with the following amended version thereof to correct a typographical error. No new matter is added.

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SE 300 contains auxiliary queue logic 350370 that is configured to select queues eligible to transfer data onto an idle data link in accordance with the inventive technique. Specifically, auxiliary queue logic 350370 comprises logic that (i) acquires rate information associated with an output queue 362, (ii) generates a score based on the acquired information, (iii) keeps a scorecard of the highest scoring output queues 362, (iv) when a data link goes idle, determines an output queue 362 that is eligible to transfer data onto the idle data link, and (v) provides the output queue's 362 QID to the queue manager 354.

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